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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED: SECRETARY GUTIERREZ LETTER AND POINTS ON UNESCO CULTURAL DIVERSITY CONVENTION

REF: A) STATE 189518 B) YEREVAN 1818 C) YEREVAN 1703

Classified By: DCM A.F. Godfrey for reasons 1.4 (b,d).

(C) On October 14 we delivered reftel A points and letter to Deputy Minister of Trade and Economic Development Tigran Davtyan. Davtyan said he was not aware of the potential impact of the UNESCO Cultural Diversity Convention on trade issues. He agreed to pass immediately Secretary Gutierrez's letter to the Minister and to contact the MFA to express the Ministry of Trade's "possible concern" that the convention might negatively impact free trade. Note: A representative from the MFA told us in late September that the GOAM has already committed to support the convention (reftels B and C).
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